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For. **MESSAGE MACHINE AND PHYSIOLOGICAL QUANTITY MEASURING  
CIRCUIT FOR USE IN THE MACHINE**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND STATEMENT  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(d)**

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